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APPLICANT: Kanzler et al. **GROUP:** Unknown
SERIAL NO: Unknown **EXAMINER:** Unknown
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FOR: PISTE-MAINTENANCE TRACKLAYING VEHICLE

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231
 Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, insert - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --;

line 1, after vehicle insert therefore -- . --;

lines 1 - 16, delete "comprising an internal combustion engine which is drivingly
 connected, preferably via a gear, to a drive sprocket of each track, and accessory drives for
 additional devices that are mountable on the piste-maintenance vehicle, such as rotary snow plow,
 front snow plow blower, or the like, and/or for vehicle components, such as a tilting device for
 platform and driver's cab or for track tensioning.

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